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- 1. TRUNKLINE PROJECT HAS RECEIVED PRELIMINARY APPROVAL AT INITIAL HEARING. PARTIES TO HEARING ARE NOW GIVEN TIME TO FILE EXCEPTIONS WHICH WILL BE INCORPORATED IN PACKAGE WHICH GOES BEFORE COMMISSION. ACCORDING TO PRESENT SCHEDULE PACKAGE SHOULD REACH FULL COMMISSION BY APRIL 1 AND DECISION WILL BE MADE BEFORE JULY 1 WHEN OPTIONAL TERMINATION CLAUSE IN CONTRACT COMES INTO FORCE.
- 2. PANHANDLE IS THE PARENT COMPANY OF TRUNKLINE. PANHANDLE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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NEGOTIATED LNG CONTRACT WITH THE GOA BUT TRUNKLINE IS THE ACTUAL RECIPIENT OF GAS AND THE APPLICANT BEFORE FPC.

3. REGARDING ACTION ON OTHER ALGERIAN LNG PROJECTS IT APPEARS THAT MAJOR HANGUP HAS BEEN CHANGES IN OFFLOADING LOCATIONS BY COMPANIES WHICH HAVE INVALIDATED PREVIOUS ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENTS. EASCOGAS HAS NOT YET

GIVEN FPC FINAL INFORMATION ON OFFLOADING SITE AND ACTION BY FPC THUS CANNOT GO FORWARD. EL PASO FILED INFO ON EL PASO II PROJECT LESS THAN TWO WEEKS AGO. DISTRIGAS

CONTRACTS ARE ALSO BEING HELD UP BY THIS PROBLEM AND BY INQUIRY INTO ENVIRONMENTAL AND SAFETY ASPECTS OF DISTRIGAS CONTRACT ALREADY IN OPERATION. CONCLUSION OF THIS INQUIRY IS NECESSARY BEFORE FPC CAN PROCEED WITH CONSIDERATION OF OTHER DISTRIGAS CONTRACTS.

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